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 FOR: MEDICAL WASTE :
 DISPOSAL SYSTEM :

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1, 2 and 12 and add new claim 21 as follows.

1. (Amended) A carrier configured to hold a container having a
 2. door mounted for ~~reciprocation~~ ^{+ to move alternately back and forth} between opened and closed positions, said carrier
 3. comprising:
 4. a mobile body adapted to receive the container; and
 5. an extension coupled to said body for ~~reciprocal movement~~ ^{reciprocal movement} with
 6. respect to said body, said extension being adapted for engagement with the door of
 7. the container, and said reciprocal movement of said extension being adapted to
 8. reciprocate the door of the container between the opened and closed positions.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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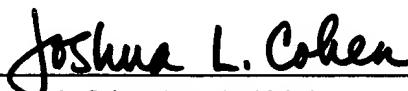
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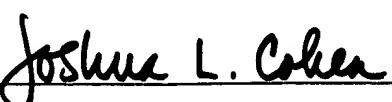
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